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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. A Request for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response thereby extending the due date from July 8 to September 8, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 19-32 and add new claims 33-40 as follows:

33. (New). A purified polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID

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